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POPULATIONS, SPECIFIC OF PEPTIDES PRESENT IN THE CONTEXT OF HLA

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification corresponds to a mutation in the $\alpha 3$ domain of at least one amino acid, with respect to the corresponding domain of a native heavy chain capable of binding to the said CD8 co-receptor.

a) 4. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification corresponds to chemical modification of at least one amino acid of the $\alpha 3$ domain of a heavy chain, with respect to the corresponding domain of a native heavy chain capable of binding to the said CD8 co-receptor.

5. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification